

is making the decision that these taxes will not be paid in on this particular project, and yet when these taxes are not paid in, that means that the county and the school district also does not receive those taxes and that the people in the school district and in the county have to make up for those revenues by additional real property taxation. So I ask you if it is fair to the counties to allow a process to essentially undermine their taxing authority even though the governing body of the county had nothing to say about it. I might also suggest to you that there is going to be a tendency to distort local government spending priorities. Right now local government has to look at its budget and it has to look at the projects that it has, it has to set priorities, it has to decide what it can build, what it can do, what it can't do. Now with tax increment financing it is going to be some combination of public and private...maybe just private, such as the Cornhusker project, coming onto the scene and suggesting, here is a spending priority for you, here is a capital construction project for you, and does it have to compete with the other funds available to the city for capital construction projects? No. No, because the city council can just decide to do it in a less obvious sort of way through tax increment financing.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have thirty seconds.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think, Mr. Speaker, those are the main points I wanted to make. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Beutler amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Beutler. The question before the House is, shall the House go under Call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 1 nay to go under Call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The House is under Call. All legislators must be in their seats. Record your presence. Unauthorized personnel must leave the floor. How many are absent?

CLERK: There are several. Ten or twelve maybe, that are excused, I should say. Twelve.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, there are twelve absent. Senator.... if I had had my way it would have been two hours ago, but I didn't have my way...Koch, Senator Warner, Senator Maresh. He is excused. Senator Merz, excused. Senator DeCamp,